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CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently Amended) The system as defined in claim + 14 wherein the at least one communication device comprises a telephone with a keypad for selecting ~~prompt/announcement~~ the user-specified subset of files.
3. (Currently Amended) The system as defined in claim 2 wherein the selected ~~prompt/announcement~~ user-specified subset of files comprise voice files.
4. (Currently Amended) The system as defined in claim + 14 wherein the at least one communication device comprises a computer with a keyboard for selecting ~~subscriber-~~ ~~specified prompt/announcement~~ the user-specified subset of files.
5. (Currently Amended) The system as defined in claim + 14 wherein the selected user-specified subset of files are chosen from a group consisting of text files, video files and multimedia files.
6. (Currently Amended) The system as defined in claim + 14 wherein the at least one communication device comprises:

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a telephone with a keypad for selecting a first group of user-specified subset of files; and

a computer with a keyboard for selecting a second group of user-specified subset of files.

7. (Currently Amended) The system as defined in claim 6 wherein the first group of user-specified subset of files comprises voice files and the second group of user-specified subset of files comprises files chosen from a group consisting of text files, video files and multimedia files.

8. (Currently Amended) The system as defined in claim 4 14 wherein the network comprises an HFC network and the telecommunications device comprises a communication gateway.

9-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) A system for providing locally generated prompts/announcements in a telecommunications network, the system comprising:

a centralized server for storing a plurality of prompt/announcement files, said plurality including various types of files and organized in a system with respect to user characteristics of a system user;

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a telecommunications device located in close proximity to the system user, said telecommunications device for downloading a user-specified subset of files associated with said user characteristics from said plurality of files; and

at least one communication device for interacting with said telecommunications device and selecting the user-specified subset of files from said plurality of files to be downloaded,

wherein said user characteristics include the system user's location.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously presented) A method of providing client-side prompt/announcement files for use by a subscriber on a local telecommunications device from a plurality of prompt/announcement files stored on a centralized server, the method comprising the steps of:

- a) determining subscriber-specific characteristics from subscriber-provider input;
- b) determining the type of user entry device; and
- c) downloading a subset of prompt/announcement files from the centralized server to the local telecommunications device based upon the subscriber-provided, subscriber-specific characteristics and the determined type of user entry device, wherein in performing step a), the subscriber-specific characteristics include location.

17. (Cancelled)